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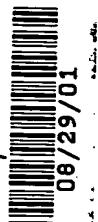
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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: M. NISHIDA et al (see attached)

For:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING CONSUMER GOODS
USED IN AN ANALYZER

Enclosed are:



4 Sheets of Drawings



This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2001-026298

filed February 2, 2001. A certified copy is attached herewith.



Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and

discussed in the specification or attached Information Disclosure Statement.



A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.



Specification: Abstract , Description 16 pages; and 12 claim(s).



Preliminary Amendment.



Executed Declaration.

The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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